including, (i) availability of ventilated wagons; (ii) reduction in freight rates for the perishable commodity and (iii) making a railway siding available near different onion growing areas like Lasagaon, Manmad and Nasik;

(b) if so, the decision taken in the matter; and

(c) the arrangements since made for proper transportation of Onion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU):(a)Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) To facilitate loading of Onion from the State of Maharashtra, following steps have been taken:

(i) The concerned zonal railway is arranging railways wagons for loading of Onion at the earliest.

(ii) The movement of Onion is being done on priority. All demands are being met.

(iii) Adequate Railway siding facilities for loading of Onion are available at Nasik Road, lasagaon (Lasalgaon) and Manmad.

(iv) Freight rates of Onion have been reduced from Class-90 to Class-90 W1 in the Railway Budget 2005-06. Any further reduction is not feasible.

(v) Railways are providing adequate wagons for loading of Onion. However, in view of the seasonal loading of Onion, special ventilated wagons are not operationally justified as it involves additional expenditure without commensurate benefit.

Doubling of Railway lines

4786. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:

SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how far the work relating to doubling railway line of (i) Diva-Kalyan, 5th and 6th line (10.73 Kms.) ROR; (ii) Panvel-Jassai (JNPT) (28.5 Km.) ROR 20% (iii) Pakni-Solapur (16.28 Kms.) ROR-3; (iv) Almo-Mohal (17 Kms.) has progressed so far; and the cost incurred thereon; and

(b) by when the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b)

(Rs. in crore)

S. No	Details of the ongoing projects	Km	Anticipated cost	Anticipated Expenditure up to March 2005	Outlay During 2005-06	Present position of the project and likely date of completion wherever fixed.
Doubling						
1.	Diva-Kalyan 5th & 8th line	11	70.00	30.76	17.30	Land acquisition, Earthwork, bridgework, ballasting and track linking are in progress.
2.	Panvel-Jasai-JNPT	28.5	53.25	28.63	24.62	Earthwork and bridgeworks are in progress.
3.	Pakni-Solapur	16.28	61.29	53.83	7.42	Earthwork and major bridge works are in progress. All minor bridges have been completed.
4.	PaknhMohol	17	42.73	10.00	10	Land acquisition is in progress

All the above mentioned projects are covered under National Rail Vikas Yojana which is planned for completion in five years period.

Sale of saline water on Railway Stations

†4787. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received several complaints regarding the sale of saline water in the name of mineral water on Railway Stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have formulated any concrete scheme to check the sale of saline water in the name of mineral water; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.